

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

20

ORIGIN SSO-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CCO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY S/S-O:JFTEFFT: EDNEWSOM

APPROVED BY S/S-O:DMACK

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

S/S-O AND ISO ONLY, CCO

----- 056856

O 040812Z JUL 75 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER SEVEN: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. YEMEN TO ACCEPT SOVIET ARMS OFFER

FOREIGN MINISTER ASNAG HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR SCOTES THAT IN VIEW OF CONTINUED SAUDI DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEMENI ARMY, THE YARG HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO ACCEPT A SOVIET OFFER TO RE-SUPPLY KEY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING TANKS, MIG-21'S, ROCKETS, AND ARTILLERY. ASNAG ADDED THAT:

--PRESIDENT HAMD'S ACCEPTANCE OF AN INVITATION TO VISIT MOSCOW WILL BE ANNOUNCED JULY 9, IN TURN TRIGGERING IMMEDIATE SOVIET ACTION TO SUPPLY THE ARMS WITHOUT COST BY THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST.

--HE HOPES THE US CAN STILL DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE PRESENT YEMENI REGIME REMOVE THE SOVIET PRESENCE.

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

SCOTES RECOMMENDS THAT WE SEND A HIGH-LEVEL MESSAGE TO THE SAG IN AN EFFORT TO INDUCE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SAUDIS. POINTING OUT THAT YARG IS NOT BLUFFING, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO RECOMMENDS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN

TO DIRECT US "SYMBOLIC" MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BREATHING SPELL UNTIL THE SAUDIS MOVE.

2. ISRAELI PARLIAMENTARIANS ON INTERIM AGREEMENT

IMMERSED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE JULY 6 CABINET MEETING, KNESSET MEMBERS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT:

--THE MAJORITY OF LABOR ALIGNMENT MEMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE CABINET, SINCERELY WANT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT AND BELIEVE THE GOI SHOULD OFFER ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS TO ACHIEVE IT--PRIMARILY TO PRESERVE CLOSE TIES WITH THE US.

--RABIN IS HOLDING FIRMLY TO HIS POSITION THAT ISRAEL MUST RETAIN SOME CONTROL IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE PASSES; AND

--HARDLINERS MAY TRY TO BLOCK AN AGREEMENT, BUT OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO WHETHER THEY COULD SUCCEED.

THE PARLIAMENTARIANS EMPHASIZE THAT A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS WILL BE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE US HANDLES THE NEGOTIATIONS AND PARTICULARLY OUR APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. A REASSURING GESTURE, SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT'S JUNE 30 WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW, COULD STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF MODERATES COMMITTED TO GETTING AN AGREEMENT.

3. IRANIAN TERRORISTS KILL EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

AN EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE WAS SHOT AND KILLED JULY 3 DURING A TERRORIST ATTACK ON AN EMBASSY TEHRAN VEHICLE MAKING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED RUN TO THE CONSULATE. THE SLAYING APPARENTLY WAS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AS THE GUNMEN EVIDENTLY ASSUMED THE VICTIM WAS AN AMERICAN. EMBASSY TEHRAN IS IMPLEMENTING STEPPED SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

UP SECURITY MEASURES.

4. MOBUTU ORDERS BIG PURGES

MOBUTU FIRED NINE OF HIS TWENTY-ONE GENERALS JULY 2, ACCUSING THEM OF "MANIFEST PASSIVITY" VIS-A-VIS THE ABORTIVE COUP. EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTS FURTHER PURGES ARE EXPECTED. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS:

--GOZ INVESTIGATIONS HAVE IMPLICATED PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES AS WELL, MOST NOTABLY FORMER CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR ALBERT NDELE, FOR ALLEGEDLY HAVING HELD MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WITH ZAIRIAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO OUTLINE THE

PLOT AND TO COLLECT FUNDS TO PURCHASE GUNS WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHTS TO KILL MOBUTU.

--THE GOZ IS SENDING EXTRADITION REQUESTS TO ELEVEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US.

ASSESSING THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE US, CHARGE AREW:

--BELIEVES THAT WHATEVER THE PROVOCATION, MOBUTU FEELS GENUINELY THREATENED AND HIS PRESTIGE HAS SUFFERED WITH THE MILITARY;

--CAUTIONS THAT NOT ONLY MAY MOBUTU BELIEVE THE US WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, BUT HIS CHARGES MAY HAVE GIVEN DISGRUNTLED ELEMENTS IN ZAIRE NEW REASON TO BELIEVE THE US IN FACT SUPPORTS A MOVE AGAINST MOBUTU, THUS ENCOURAGING THE VERY THING HE IS SEEKING TO SQUELCH.

5. USIS OFFICER ORDERED OUT OF USIS LIBRARY IN VIENTIANE

FOLLOWING A PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 3 BY THE LAO MINISTER OF INFORMATION THAT THE QUESTION OF THE OCCUPATION OF THE USIS LIBRARY IN VIENTIANE HAD BEEN SETTLED, A USIS OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE LIBRARY AND REMOVE SOME MATERIALS. HE WAS STOPPED BY A PATHET LAO SOLDIER WHO ORDERED HIM AT GUNPOINT TO "GET OUT OR I WILL KILL YOU"; THE OFFICER DEPARTED
SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

IMMEDIATELY. THE INCIDENT WAS WITNESSED BY CORRESPONDENTS OF THE NY TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST, AP, UPI, REUTERS AND CBS.

PORTUGAL: LINE-UP IN THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
6. PORTUGAL: LINE-UP IN THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

THE INFLUENCE OF THE ALL-MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) HAS GROWN STEADILY TO BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL INSTITUTION IN THE PORTUGUESE BODY POLITIC. ASIDE FROM TWO WHOSE VIEWS ARE UNKNOWN, EMBASSY LISBON IDENTIFIES THREE MAIN POLITICAL TENDENCIES WITHIN THE 30-MAN RC:

--COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS (6). TYPIFIED BY PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES, THESE ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORTHODOX COMMUNIST LINE. DISCREETLY ANTI-NATO, THEY ARE SAID TO FAVOR THE EAST GERMAN MODEL FOR PORTUGAL.

--LEFT NATIONALISTS (13). DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR DESIRE TO REPLACE POLITICAL PARTIES WITH A SINGLE FRONT AFFILIATED WITH THE AFM, THIS GROUP IS HEADED BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO AND COPCON COMMANDER OTELO CARVALHO AND LEANS

TOWARD A "THIRD WORLD" PORTUGAL DIVORCED FROM NATO.

--DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS (9). CHARACTERIZED BY A DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH EUROPE AND MAINTAIN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, THESE MEMBERS FAVOR GRADUAL MOVEMENT TOWARD A SOCIALIST ECONOMY. DESPITE HIS THIRD WORLD RHETORIC, FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES IS A LEADING EXPONENT OF THIS VIEW.

THE POSITIONS OF THE FOREGOING GROUPS ARE BY NO MEANS RIGID AND THE LEFT NATIONALISTS OFTEN LINE UP WITH THE OTHER TWO FACTIONS. INDEED, COUTINHO CLAIMS THAT FROM THEIR LONG EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA, RC MEMBERS REACH DECISIONS THROUGH A CONSENSUS PROCEDURE SIMILAR TO THAT EXERCISED IN AFRICAN TRIBES. NEVERTHELESS, A FORCEFUL PERSONALITY, AN ARTICULATE PRESENTATION, OR SHEER STAMINA CAN READILY BUFFALO INEXPERIENCED YOUNGER MEMBERS.

7. BEIRUT BEGINS TO DIG OUT

SECRET

PAGE 05 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT GOL SECURITY FORCES IN THE CITY APPEAR TO HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND. WITH CLOSE COOPERATION FROM PLO REPRESENTATIVES, SECURITY OPERATIONS

HAVE BEEN MUCH IN EVIDENCE, SUPPORTED BY ARMOR LOANED BY THE ARMY.

--ISOLATED SNIPING AND LIMITED ACTIVITY BY BEIRUT'S PERIPATETIC BOMBERS CONTINUED DURING THE NIGHT OF JULY 2/3.

--AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, ALL AMCITS--EXCEPT THE MISSING COLONEL MORGAN--REMAIN SAFE.

8. SAUDI-IRAQI BORDER ACCORD SIGNED

EMBASSY JIDDA REPORTS THAT THE BORDER AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 2 PROVIDES FOR AN EQUAL DIVISION OF THE FORMER NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ, AS WELL AS SOME BORDER RECTIFICATIONS. BOTH GOVERNMENTS MUST RATIFY THE AGREEMENT.

9. MRS. GANDHI'S FUTURE COURSE

DESPITE MORE ARRESTS OF SECOND LEVEL OPPOSITION POLITICIANS AND DISGRUNTLEMENT AMONG SOME CONGRESS PARTY MP'S, INDIA REMAINS CALM. LOOKING TO THE MONTHS AHEAD, EMBASSY NEW DELHI OPINES:

--UNLESS THE OPPOSITION MANAGES TO ORGANIZE AND OPERATE UNDERGROUND OR PROMINENT LEADERS LIKE DESAI OR NARAYAN

DIE FROM HUNGER STRIKES, THE SECURITY SITUATION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN QUIET.

--MRS. GANDHI WILL FOCUS ON CONSOLIDATING HER POWER AND DEMONSTRATING PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND GOVERNMENT REFORMS.

--GIVEN THE POLITICAL RISKS OF RETURNING TO DEMOCRACY, SHE WILL FEEL UNDER PRESSURE TO CONTINUE THE EMERGENCY.

SECRET

PAGE 06 STATE 158803 TOSEC 050151

--BY ISOLATING IMPORTANT OPINION CENTERS, HOWEVER, SHE MAY END UP STIMULATING RATHER THAN SUPPRESSING REGIONAL SEPARATISM.

IN SUM, SHE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROCEED CAREFULLY AND PRAGMATICALLY, KEEPING HER OPTIONS OPEN AS SHE MOVES FROM DECISION TO DECISION.

NOTE: INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. SISCO

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOSEC, MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MINISTERIAL VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: KelleyW0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE158803
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: S/S-O:JFTEFFT: EDNEWSOM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750232-0367
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197507104/baaaaomq.tel
Line Count: 241
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SSO
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <22 OCT 2003 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, MARR, UR, YE, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006